Forget about Disciplines - Focus on the Challenge

How to reopen and redirect the discussion on the role of the Social Sciences and Humanities in European Research Funding to maximize the impact

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What we urge the European Commission to do:
- shift the idea of integration to a cooperation on mutual eye-level
- design calls and topics in such a way that cooperation is mandatory
- make participation of all relevant disciplines a key concern
- find a better definition of impact and focus on the European added value

How the SSH community should get engaged:
- get prepared for better lobbying for your own topics on the institutional, the national, and the European levels
- do not rely on national funding only; Europe needs more collaborative research
- take the lead in such collaborative projects and work hand-in-hand with the natural sciences and technology-related disciplines
- be part of a cultural shift in the scientific community from discipline-oriented research to a focus on the challenge
- convince Brussels to spend more budget on research on societies

ROSE – The Concept
ROSE proposes a new concept of collaboration that requires a shift from discipline-oriented research towards a stronger focus on the challenge. Excellent research relies on partnerships between disciplines requires a less technology-driven approach and a stronger participation and leadership of the SSH.

ROSE – The Group
ROSE is a working group of EU liaison officers. Our main objectives are to contribute to the creation of the new framework programme for research and innovation Horizon Europe, and to sustainably strengthen the role of research on societies in the European Research Area. We strongly encourage scientists and colleagues to join and support us.

What research administrators and managers can do?
- raise more awareness in the SSH community for their role in addressing current European and global challenges and for the possibilities European funding programmes offer
- support SSH researchers to set up closer connections to the European Parliament and Commission and to stakeholders in society
- establish training in impact-oriented and interdisciplinary research at their institutions
- establish closer networks with colleagues not only on the national, but also on the European level to jointly prepare the lobbying work

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